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SUBJECT:OECD AD HOC WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD AT IMCO

HEADQUARTERS JULY 23

1. SUMMARY

AN AD HOC OECD WORKING GROUP (SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS A WORKSHOP) MET AT IMCO HEADQUARTERS IN LONDON 23 JULY 1977. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY MR. R.A. HUMPHREY OF THE MTC SECRETARIAT. PARTICIPATING IN THE MEETING WERE THREE (3) MEMBERS FROM OECD, SWEDEN, FRANCE, GREECE, NORWAY, UK, AND USA. THE AGENDA AS PROPOSED BY MR. HUMPHREY CONTAINED SIX (6) ITEMS: 1) INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF THE MEETING; 2) DEFINITION OF SCOPE; 3) DIRECTION AND THRUST FOR WORK PROGRAM; 4) SPECIFIC WORK TASKS; 5) COOPERATION WITH OTHER
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ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING NGO'S; 6) TIMETABLE FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.

THE CONSENSUS WHICH EMERGED FROM THE MEETING WAS THAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE "ECONOMIC IMPLICATION" OF THE RETROFIT OF SBT/CBT; THAT THE COST/BENEFITS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CALCULATE AND MIGHT BE OF

QUESTIONABLE VALUE, BUT OECD SHOULD COMMISSION SUCH A STUDY IF THE NECESSARY FUNDS CAN BE FOUND; THAT THE AD HOC

WORKING GROUP WAS NOT FAVORED AS A FORUM FOR HARMONIZING DELEGATIONS' POSITIONS PRIOR TO IMCO MEETINGS.

2. REPORTED HERE IN OUTLINE FORM IS A SUMMARY OF WHAT TRANSPIRED AT THE MEETING OF THE OECD AD HOC WORKING GROUP HELD AT IMCO HEADQUARTERS 9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 23:

(1) INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF MEETING

HUMPHREY EMPHASIZED THE NON-OFFICIAL AND ADVISORY NATURE OF THE MEETING. IN LIGHT OF THE DECISION OF JULY 7, 1977 OF THE OECD COUNCIL, CHARGING HIS GROUP TO STUDY "ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF 4 MEASURES RELATED TO OIL/DRY BULK TANKERS" (I.E. THE U.S. PROPOSALS ON TSPP). HE WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT: 1. WHAT THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES CONSIDER IMPORTANT TO DO; 2. HOW TO ASSURE THAT OECD-IMCO DO NOT DUPLICATE WORK. HUMPHREY (H) INDICATED HE HOPED FOR EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENT. H SAID OECD HAD COMMISSIONED ONE STUDY (10,000 DOLLARS). H PASSED OUT INFORMAL COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE OECD COMMISSIONED STUDY. (THE SPECIFICATIONS ASK ALL THE RIGHT QUESTIONS--BUT IT IS DOUBTED THAT MUCH IN THE WAY OF USEFUL ANSWERS CAN BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPED WITH 10,000 DOLLARS AND THE LIMITED TIME (SEPT. 14). H SAID OECD (THIS GROUP) HOPED TO ELICIT STUDIES FROM PARTICIPANTS. H SAID THAT THERE WERE NO MORE FUNDS FOR STUDIES IN OECD.

(2) DEFINITION OF SCOPE

MOST OF THE DISCUSSION HERE WAS ON SBT/CBT--ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS THEREOF AND RECEPTION FACILITIES--BUT GREEK DELEGATION OBJECTED TO STUDYING THE ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS OF SOMETHING ALREADY AGREED TO (E.G. RECEPTION FACILITIES IN 73 MARPOL)--STUDIES SHOULD BE ON MATTERS NOT YET AGREED TO--SO STUDIES COULD HELP DECISIONS. WALLACE (USA) SUGGESTED STUDY STICK TO SBT/CBT. (ALL AGREED NO NEED FOR OECD TO STUDY POINTS 1 AND 2). THERE WAS A CONSENSUS FOR EMPHASIS ON SBT/CBT, BUT ALL AGREED IT WOULD BE HARD TO SPECIFY ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS.

(3) DIRECTION AND THRUST FOR WORK PROGRAM

H SAID HE WANTED TO EMPHASIZE 3 (THREE) "IMPLICATIONS OF COST/BENEFIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ROLE OF IMCO MEPC V.

OECD." H SAID OECD WANTS TO EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS, BUT DOES NOT HAVE THE PHYSICAL DATA (OIL SPILLS) BENEFITS OF NON-POLLUTION ARE ELUSIVE--NEED DATA--NEED RESOURCES (DOLLARS)

SOME COUNTRIES ARE DOING NATIONAL STUDIES, E.G., U.S. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR COAST GUARD PROPOSED RULE MAKING (AFTER SOME DISCUSSION) IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS WOULD NOT JUSTIFY ACCELERATED IMPLEMENTATION (OF CONVENTIONS). OECD SAID THAT A PRO FORMA STUDY COULD BE DONE--BUT IT WOULD BE USELESS. A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY WOULD COST MONEY. WALLACE UNDER-TOOK TO INQUIRE IN WASHINGTON IF ANY FUNDS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE STUDY (10 - 20,000 DOLLARS) BUT IT WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TO BE OF VALUE TO IMCO AND WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE ON TIME.

WHEN ASKED HOW VALUABLE SUCH A STUDY WOULD BE TO IMCO SASAMURA SAID--IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY. WHATEVER PAPER WERE PRODUCED--IMCO DECISIONS WILL BE MADE ON NATIONAL POLITICAL GROUNDS. THEREFORE, IF IT IS DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH A COST/BENEFIT STUDY, IT WOULD BE AN OECD STUDY, BUT AN "EDITED" FORM SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO IMCO (I.E. THAT IT DOESN'T JUST GO INTO BACK POCKETS). ON POINT 3 (THREE (IV) USE OF OECD WORKING PARTY FOR HARMONIZATION OF POSITIONS BEFORE IMCO MEETINGS--DECIDED IN THE NEGATIVE.

(4) SPECIFIC WORK TASKS

OECD LOOKING FOR NATIONAL STUDIES ON ECONOMIC COSTS OF RETROFIT. FRANCE IS LAUNCHING A STUDY, IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. USA HAS SPILL STATISTICS, BUT DOESN'T SEE THEIR VALUE TO OECD. H SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE FIGURES ON VALUE OF AVOIDANCE OF OIL DISCHARGES. SASAMURA SAID THAT THESE WERE HARD TO COME BY. YOU CAN COUNT THE COST OF CLEAN UP OF A BEACH, BUT HOW DO YOU VALUE A BIRD? USA DELEGATION WILL CHECK TO SEE IF ANY STUDIES OF THIS TYPE ARE GOING ON IN US.

(5) WOULD IT BE USEFUL TO INVITE IMCO TO PARTICIPATE? WOULD IMCO HAVE PROBLEMS PARTICIPATING? SASAMURA SAID NO PROBLEM--IMCO COULD PARTICIPATE WITH AN EXISTING FORMAL AGREEMENT. THERE WAS SOME QUESTION ABOUT ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION PARTICIPATING REGULARLY (E.G., OCIMF, ICS, ETC.)

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(6) TIMETABLE - 3 (THREE) MEETINGS?
US SAYS LET'S WAIT AND SEE

(7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

H WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE DELEGATIONS VIEWS ON THE
SPECIFICATIONS PAPER. WALLACE OBJECTED TO "GENERAL NOTES"

1 (ONE) SECOND (B). WHAT IS MEANT BY SUBSTANTIAL
EQUIVALENCE? ALL AGREED THAT RETROFIT, WHETHER CHEAP OR
EXPENSIVE, HAD TO COMPLY FULLY WITH 73 CONVENTION. VANCE

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